# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1588
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Pending Project with NBWL
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project is pending with the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) for green clearance;
(b) if so, the present status thereof;
(c) whether the National Board for Wildlife has raised serious concerns on the safety and protection of animals; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) and (b)The Ken-Betwa river interlinking project is under consideration of Standing Committee of NBWL (SC-NBWL). The SC-NBWL considers the proposals on the recommendations of Chief Wildlife Warden and State Board for Wildlife on a case to case basis, appraises the impact on the Protected Areas (PAs) and in a prescribes the mitigation measures for minimizing the impact. Accordingly, the proposal was placed before the Standing Committee in its 37th meeting held on 26th February, 2016. It was decided to constitute a committee comprising two members of NBWL, representatives of NTCA, WII, State Government and User Agency to conduct a site visit and submit the report on the impact of project on habitat and wildlife of Panna Tiger Reserve. The report of the committee is awaited.
(c) and (d) No decision has been taken on the proposal.

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